Station	Present capacity (MWe)	Commencement of commercial operation	Remarks
Tarapur Atomic Power Station 1&2 .	2x160	October 1969	Turn-key project in co-operation with USA.
Rajasthan Atomic Power Station 1&2 .	1x100 1x200	December 1973 April 1981	Collaborative project in co-operation with Canada.

Duty hike on Intermediate

2241. SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN:
SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2080 given in Rajya Sabha on 12th December, 1991 and state:

(a) what are the details of intermediates for which Government have received requests for duty hike;

(b) what are the names of the drugs for which these intermediates are used;

(c) whether it is a fact that the objectives of duty exemption have been totally nullified due to non-monitoring of the effect of duty exemption;

(d) whether it is a fact that neither the benefit of loss of exchequer has gone to the consumer nor commencement of production of any of the drugs from basic stages effected;

(e) what are the names of drugs whose intermediates were either duty exempted or duty concession given where either the prices have been reduced or the production started from basic stage during the last three years; and

(f) what was the price and stage of manufacture before and what is the present price and stage of manufacture?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (f) The purpose of giving customs duty concessions on intermediates and bulk drugs is to encourage the manufacture of bulk drugs from more basic stages as also to ensure the availability of medicines in abundant quantity at reasonable prices to the consumer. The receipt of requests for customs duty rationalisation and their further examination in this Department before making recommendation to Ministry of Finance is an on-going process. The proposals of customs duty concessions are examined by this Department before sending any recommendation in this regard to Ministry of Finance. The recommendations as finally accepted by Ministry of Finance are taken into account while fixing the prices of controlled bulk drugs and their formulations. At present the impact of custom duty concession on production of drugs and on their prices is not being monitored. This Department is examining the possibility of setting up the requisite mechanism for monitoring the production stage and prices of the products on which customs duty concession has been announced.

Customs duty on Etoposide formulations

2242. SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN:
SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Unstar-

red Question 2083 given in Rajya Sabha on 12th December, 1991 and state:

(a) when was the request for imposition of custom duty on Etoposide formulations received by Government and withdrawal of excise duty on bulk drug and its formulations;

(b) what are the grounds on which such request was made;

(c) what is the latest position;

(d) whether it is a fact that Government have received requests for exemption of custom duty on intermediates of service items like drugs for AIDS etc.;

(e) if so, by when and what are the details of same and what action has been taken on each;

(f) what are the names of other life saving drugs on whose formulations request for exemption of excise duty was received by Government; and

(g) when was each request received and what action has been taken on each?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (g) This department receives requests from individual companies/industry/associations every year for impositions/reduction/exemption from customs or excise duties on various items due to reasons like encouragement to establishment of indigenous production or indigenous production from early/basic stages, easy availability of drugs to masses which is an ongoing process. Requests for Etoposide and certain intermediates for the drugs for AIDS were also received and after examination, the recommendations for exemption from excise duty on Etoposide and withdrawal of customs duty from intermediates for AIDS drug have been accepted and included in the Budget proposals for the Budget of 1992-93 presented before the Parliament on 29.2.1992.

Importing bulk drugs by multinational drug companies

2243. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY:

SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that number of multinational drug companies are importing bulk drug and finished medicines from their principals;

(b) if so, names of the companies and the drugs/finished medicines imported by them during 1990-91 and 1991-92;

(c) what is the CIF import price of each;

(d) whether it is a factthat according to Drug Policy these companies are required to provide this information within a specific period to Government;

(e) if so, the period limit;

(f) whether it is a fact that certain companies are not providing such information and are indulging in the activities of overinvoicing;

(g) if so, what action has been taken against those companies; and

(h) what are the details of instances detected by Government in this regard to overinvoicing of imports in drugs|finished medecines during the last three years and the action taken on each?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (c) Import of drugs| finished formulations by individual companies from their principals is not monitored by this Department.

(d) and (e) No, Sir, these details are not required to be furnished.